ELIZABETH SMITH.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 337.]

May 4, 1860.

Mr. Buffinton, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill for the relief of Elizabeth Smith, of Coffee county, Tennessee, report:

That the said Archibald Yell, who commanded the regiment of Arkansas cavalry in the late war with Mexico, was killed at the head of his regiment, in the battle of Buena Vista; that at his death he left the petitioner and her sister, Artamesia Yell, his only minor children, and as such minors they drew half pay for several years at the Nashville pension agency; that the said Artamesia has since died, and the petitioner has become of full age, and has married; that during her minority the petitioner was entitled to a bounty land warrant for 160 acres of land, but her guardian failing to apply for the same during her minority, it cannot now be obtained without a special act of Congress in her behalf.

Your committee are of opinion that the bounty land to which the petitioner was clearly entitled by law during her minority ought not to be withheld from her because of the failure of her guardian to take the proper steps to secure it before she came of age, and therefore re-

port the bill back, with a recommendation that it do pass.

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